December 15, 2016

AAAS CEO Rush Holt raises concern over President-Elect Donald Trump's EPA Director Selection

"The preponderance of scientific evidence and our understanding of climate change is rigorous," said Holt, who also serves as executive publisher of the *Science* family of journals. "Human activities are largely responsible, impacts are already underway, and the sooner we act, the lower the cost and risk will be. This has been well-established by many scientists working from many points of view and accepted by virtually every leading scientific organization in the world. That clarity has continued to increase over the past three decades or so. If a person jumped off a building because he said gravitation is only a theory, one would say he is delusional. So too, any policy maker who would base national policy on denial of climate science because there is 'debate' would be called dangerously irresponsible."

-- Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) is the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal *Science*, as well as *Science Translational Medicine*; *Science Signaling*; a digital, open-access journal, *Science Advances*; *Science Immunology*; and *Science Robotics*. AAAS was founded in 1848 and includes nearly 250 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals. Science has the largest paid circulation of any peer-reviewed general science journal in the world. The nonprofit AAAS is open to all and fulfills its mission to "advance science and serve society" through initiatives in science policy, international programs, science education, public engagement, and more. For additional information about AAAS, see www.aaas.org.

American Association for the Advancement of Science
1200 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005 USA
Tel: 202 326 6600 Fax: 202 289 4950
www.aaas.org